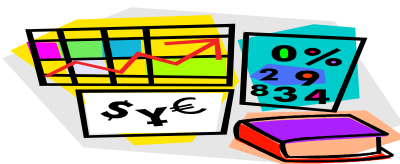


# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for May 2006

Released July 2006



May 2006  
Preliminary Labor Force  
Estimates  
State Release Date: 06/22/06

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Region. Recently eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay Randolph, Rush Union and Wayne Counties.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – May 2006	COUNTY
1	Orange (7.5%)
2	Randolph
3	Fayette
10	Blackford
14	Delaware
18	Wayne
22	Henry
33	Union
52	Jay
73	Rush
92	Hamilton (2.9%)

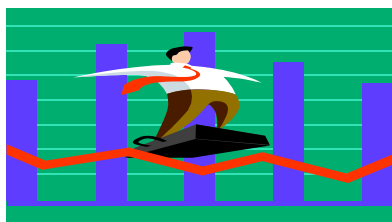
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	150,696,000	144,041,000	6,655,000	4.4%	4.9%
Indiana	3,276,700	3,117,900	158,800	4.8%	5.1%
Muncie MSA	56,650	53,280	3,370	5.9%	6.3%
EGR 6	171,510	161,520	9,990	5.8%	6.2%
Blackford County	7,005	6,570	435	6.2%	6.2%
Delaware County	56,650	53,280	3,370	5.9%	6.3%
Fayette County	11,610	10,810	800	6.9%	7.8%
Henry County	23,390	22,100	1,290	5.5%	6.2%
Jay County	12,030	11,470	560	4.6%	4.9%
Randolph County	13,550	12,590	960	7.1%	6.7%
Rush County	9,860	9,445	415	4.2%	4.4%
Union County	4,070	3,860	210	5.1%	5.0%
Wayne County	33,350	31,400	1,950	5.8%	6.6%
Muncie City	31,320	29,360	1,960	6.3%	6.6%
Richmond City	17,260	16,240	1,020	5.9%	7.1%



### SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT May 2006

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.4%
Kentucky	5.5%
Michigan	5.8%
Ohio	4.9%



### ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_hiqm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hiqm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

### REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in May, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Twenty four states registered over the month unemployment rate increases, 21 states recorded decreases, and 5 states had no change. All four regions recorded nearly identical unemployment rates in May. The South registered the lowest unemployment rate, 4.6 percent, followed closely by the remaining three regions, at 4.7 percent each. Mississippi and Alaska posted the highest unemployment rates in May, 7.3 and 7.1 percent, respectively. The states recording the lowest jobless rates were South Dakota, 2.9 percent, and Hawaii, Vermont, and Virginia, 3.0 percent each. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states, up in 7 states and stayed the same in 2 states. The states with the largest over the year jobless rate declines were Illinois and Iowa. New Jersey, Alaska, Rhode Island and Arkansas registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier.

# MUNCIE MSA

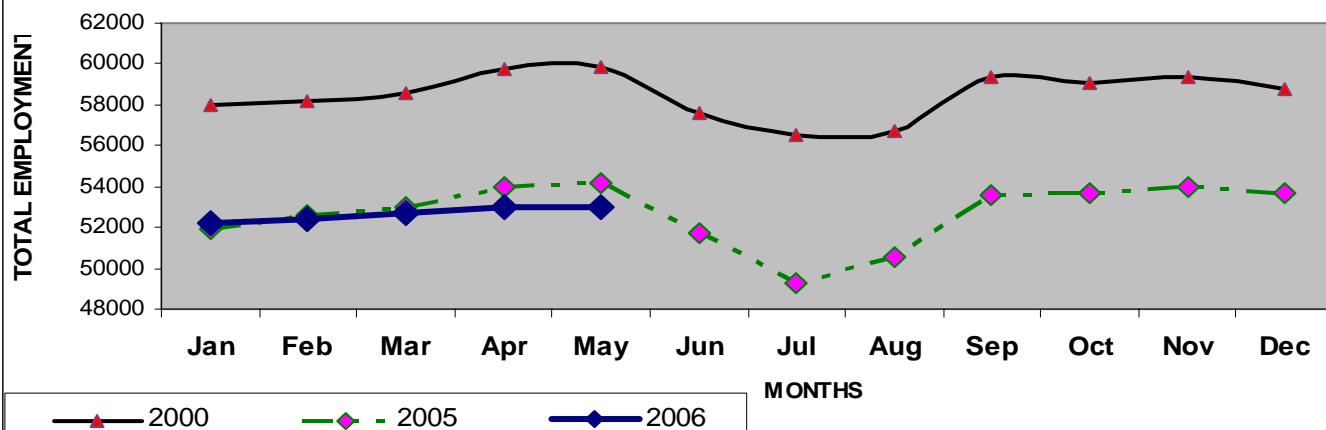


## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

Muncie, IN MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	MAY 2006	APRIL 2006	MAY 2005	APR. 2006 TO MAY 2006	MAY 2005 TO MAY 2006	
Total Nonfarm	53,000	53,000	54,200	+0	+0.0%	-1,200 -2.2%
Total Private	40,100	40,200	40,700	-100	-0.2%	-600 -1.5%
Goods Producing	8,600	8,700	8,700	-100	-1.1%	-100 -1.1%
Service-Providing	44,400	44,300	45,500	+100	+0.2%	-1,100 -2.4%
Private Srvc Provide	31,500	31,500	32,000	+0	+0.0%	-500 -1.6%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200	+0	+0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Manufacturing	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-1.5%	-100 -1.5%
Durable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,500	+0	+0.0%	+200 +3.6%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	8,900	8,900	9,200	+0	+0.0%	-300 -3.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,700	+0	+0.0%	-300 -4.5%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Finance	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Professional and Business	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-2.6%	-100 -2.6%
Educational and Health	9,000	9,000	9,200	+0	+0.0%	-200 -2.2%
Health Care and Social Svc	8,700	8,600	8,800	+100	+1.2%	-100 -1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,300	5,400	+100	+1.9%	+0 +0.0%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+100 +5.3%
Government	12,900	12,800	13,500	+100	+0.8%	-600 -4.4%
State Government	8,200	8,100	8,600	+100	+1.2%	-400 -4.7%
Local Government	4,300	4,300	4,500	+0	+0.0%	-200 -4.4%
Local Govt Education	2,700	2,700	2,800	+0	+0.0%	-100 -3.6%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING  
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING

## MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



### Quick Stats - Region 6

Average Wage May 2005

Mean

Median

Muncie

MSA \$15.50/hr, 32,250/yr

Muncie

MSA \$12.13/hr, \$25,230/yr

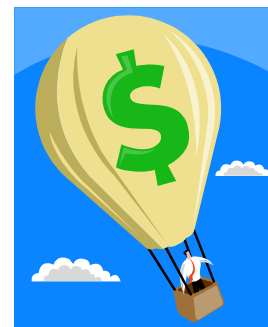
IN \$16.38/hr, 34,080/yr

IN \$13.30/hr, \$27,670/yr

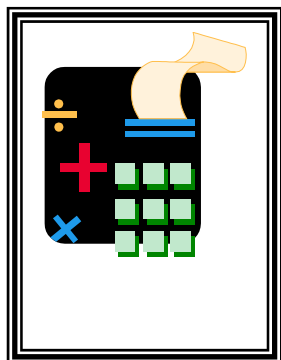
US \$18.21/hr, \$37,870/yr

US \$14.15/hr, \$29,430/yr

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Indiana Department of Workforce Development  
[www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov)



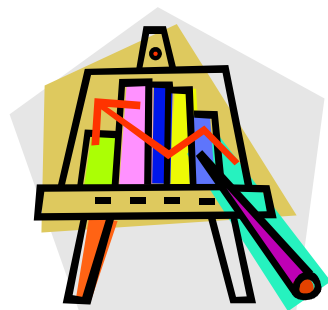
## MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	May 2006	April 2006	Previous Month % Change	May 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,695	7,974	21.6%	6,158	57.4%
Auburn	7,880	9,442	-16.5%	9,074	-13.2%
Connersville	2,129	2,320	-8.2%	2,664	-20.1%
Fort Wayne	18,966	16,419	15.5%	15,471	22.6%
Kokomo	9,944	11,289	-11.9%	8,662	14.8%
Marion	5,479	5,687	-3.7%	6,420	-14.7%
Muncie	9,771	10,634	-8.1%	10,625	-8.0%
Richmond	3,327	3,271	1.7%	3,487	-4.6%
INDIANA	237,830	253,681	-6.2%	245,251	-3.0%

### APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date July 16, 2006



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,609
Production Laborers	3,723
All Other Machine Operators	3,133
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,478
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,366
All Other Hand Workers	2,302
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,730
Cashiers, General	1,569
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,477
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,451
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,450
General Office Clerks	1,415
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,352
Production Helpers	1,261
Other Hand Material Movers	1,258
Machine Assemblers	1,241
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,235
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,194
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,141
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,117



**The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs** – A listing of the jobs most “in demand” for the state of Indiana has been sent to education, workforce and economic development officials and posted in each of the department’s 26 WorkOne Centers and across the state. The 50 jobs were selected based on growth factors from Indiana’s Occupational Projections 2002-2012, and wage information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey produced by the department. To be selected for the list, a job had to be ranked in the top 200 in total growth (the numeric growth of new jobs) and in the top 200 in percent growth from 2002 to 2012. This list was then limited to those jobs that had a higher average wage than the state’s median wage for all jobs (\$27,204), based on the November 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey. The listing is also available on the department’s web site, [www.in.gov/dwd](http://www.in.gov/dwd).

## 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2005 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES

"Covered Employment and Payrolls" includes employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroad, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



## STATE LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEB SITE

A new labor market information web site operated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is now available for use by the general public. The site can be accessed at [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov). The new site contains labor market data, statistics and trends compiled by the Department and the United States Department of Labor. The new web site is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market information data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce. It offers improved functionality in that users can more easily sort and rank data, can "grab" data in spreadsheet or text formats, and more easily make geographic comparisons.

COUNTY	DECEMBER 2005 EMPLOYMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	
		ALL INDUSTRIES	MANUFACTURING
<b>Blackford</b>	<b>4,040</b>	<b>\$541</b>	<b>\$710</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>48,010</b>	<b>\$672</b>	<b>\$932</b>
<b>Fayette</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$951</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>13,540</b>	<b>\$599</b>	<b>\$934</b>
<b>Jay</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>\$541</b>	<b>\$698</b>
<b>Randolph</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>\$564</b>	<b>\$714</b>
<b>Rush</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>\$583</b>	<b>\$841</b>
<b>Union</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>\$483</b>	<b>confidential</b>
<b>Wayne</b>	<b>31,270</b>	<b>\$599</b>	<b>\$778</b>
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>2,870,100</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$952</b>

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### Consumer Price Index

#### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

#### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3							

#### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

#### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3							

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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